



Blended Programme

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What is Blended Programme (BP)?

A combination of VET institutions of partners and a language school offering participants :

- a preparation programme before departure based on writing and culture
- internship in host country
- module-based lessons in host country
- intercultural activities in host country
- teambuilding activities in host country
- meet&greet after arrival in home country
- coaching and guidance continuously from home country and host country

What is new?

Interested students are to attend information events on the programme. Here they have to register before attending.

Afterwards they can apply for participation. Students are invited for another event where they are informed on the process of application interview for their selection for participation.

BP is a complete programme engaging different aspects on education of participants' curricula, on the position of being an EU citizen and strengthening participants' position within the EU and beyond.

Participants combine studying in another country, following classes in another country, internship, intercultural and teambuilding activities. Students are stimulated to find a local club for sports and/or craft to meet new friends, local participation.

The programme can be achieved in 10 or 18 weeks.

Material developed or 'in progress' by the steering board of BP:

- booklet 'Know Before You Go'
- Course on English based on homecountry's culture
- Cultural Course
- Brochures to regularly inform
- Newsletters on our website
- Workshops on assessing students to organisations offering workplacements
- Facebook
- Blog on website (a pilot)
- Complimentary report on ECVET : in progress
- BP Guide to help you set up BP for your students: in progress

You are invited to visit our website regularly to be kept updated.

You may also download material now and in the future.

www.blendedprogramme.net

Activities executed :

2x Mobility of students to Ireland from Finland

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1x Mobility of students to Finland, from The Netherlands

4x Workshops by the English organization 'English for Nurses' offered in The Netherlands and Ireland to all participants

2x Workshops on Assessing students in Ireland

1x Workshop on Assessing Students in Finland

1x Mini Seminar in Finland

Cooperation of organisations offering workplacements to BP participants in Ireland and Finland

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Impact on Students:

- Language development
- Cultural Awareness
- Knowledge of own culture
- Living-alone-together
- Inquisitiveness
- Vocational competences
- Professional development
- Personal development

I really enjoy my time in Carlow, we are really having fun and learning a lot, in school but also at my internship.

BP is a wonderful experience with a lot of fun, which I wouldn't miss for anything!

Talking with your housemates about your current situation can give you more space to be yourself!

Sustainability of BP

To what extent will we reach the impact of Blended Programme?

Our participants had their BP experience and helped us improve the programme every time again. In the second year more teachers showed their interest and uttered their approval of the project. This is the case in the Netherlands. In Finland students participate and go to Ireland. Finland is also host country and receives Dutch students. Ireland has been intensively engaged as hostcountry and has established a good data of companies cooperating with us.

In the last phase we challenge ourselves to reach as far and as much as possible: impact, integration of BP in departments of education in VET, locally, regionally, EU-wide or beyond.

But are we, as VET institutions within EU, ready for this? Do EQF and ECVET make it possible for our VETstudents to study within EU at the same level, without delay in achieving their diplomas?

We, steering board of Blended Programme, will try and give our views on several topics related to sustainability and on VET students studying crossborder.

Be invited and visit us regularly at : www.blendedprogramme.net



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